

Planning Application ref NY/2025/0030/ENV

Due to the high profile, number of objections made, potential detrimental impact upon the area if granted and to allow openness and transparency for any decision made by NYC Planning Committee, **a larger Scarborough venue for the meeting should be found to allow more members of the public to attend.** The Spa has been suggested as it is a local authority building.

Seismic Survey – before making any planning decisions, the safety of the local population needs to be considered and this includes Europa carrying out seismic surveys BEFORE any planning decision is made so that community impact can be correctly taken into account.

Funding – Europa have been trying and struggling to raise funding to undertake the seismic surveys. If they are struggling to fund this, what happens if they are granted temporary planning and the results are not profitable enough to continue? Where will they raise the funds to cap off the well and restore the site? If permission is granted, one of the conditions should to be include an insurance to cover this.

Europa have recently responded to FoE via the planning application. In it they state that many of the statutory consultees approached, few have made any objections to their application – this is because the organisations are only able to comment only on the immediate area of the proposed site and not on the surrounding area and community, for example:-

- Highways could only comment on vehicles entering & leaving the site, visual displays etc NOT on the impact on the other roads in the immediate and local areas including the suitability of the hundreds of extra HGV's plus the extra wide vehicles on the narrow village roads, the mini roundabout with a tight left hand turn only a few hundred feet away outside the Jolly Sailors pub or the extra congestion on our already struggling roads (Scalby & Seamer Roads). There have been significant road closures out of Scarborough this year – the only road to Whitby was closed for weeks involving detours of over 40 miles. Snow has closed roads leading out of Scarborough. There are accident hotspots resulting in several road closures on the routes Europa have indicated they will be using – Staxton Bank closed for multiple times for several hours as HGV's are regularly blocking the highway. Scalby Road junction with Hovingham Road which leads up to the hospital, schools and housing estate, RTA's and flooding. Peasholm roundabout flooding.

Junction of Scalby Road and Falsgrave Road RTC black spot as well as Cloughton Bank and Pond Hill out towards Whitby to name only a few. The police and highways should be asked to provide figures for the RTC's and road closures prior to any decision taken by the planning committee.

Inaccuracies, misinformation and omissions in the original application for temporary planning some are listed below :-

- Number of vehicles involved were initially reported as transport movements ie number of vehicles NOT how many journeys they would be making in total – no environmental impact figures of pollution from the vehicle emissions.
- Europa have since stated they will be increasing from 1 to 4 fracturing drilling heads but have not provided revised figures on vehicles or updated their planning application.
- The temp planning application did not and still does not include any mention of leaving a permanent underground storage facility for radioactive chemicals and liquids. This only came to light when they applied for the Environment Agency licence (which has not been issued yet). Once again, **how can they identify the suitability for a permanent storage facility without undertaking seismic surveys or provide reassurances that it will not impact on the community long term.**

Europa have provided time and time again highly biased and nuanced perspective to their responses to objections raised via the planning application. There will be many substantial adverse effects associated with the application if passed and no benefit to either the village of Burniston, North Yorkshire or the UK. They have already stated at the open meetings I attended that they may be able to employ a couple of cleaners and electricians and would use local accommodation. They will bring in their own specialists and road hauliers. This is not a great benefit to the community considering the negative impact it will have on our tourism industry, local businesses and roads. We are already in a recognised “deprived” area and heavily rely on tourism.

I am surprised that the Planning Department have not invited a response from the Maritime Coastguard Agency / HM Coastguard as it could impact on their

legal contractual response times to emergencies. The Scarborough & Burniston Coastguard Rescue team emergency vehicles and equipment are stored next the to site. For those who are not aware, the UK have 4 government emergency 999 services – police, fire, ambulance and coastguard.

Please could all planning committee members and planning officers involved visit the site several days before the planning meeting and familiar themselves with the beautiful countryside around them, its close proximity to the village, the road infrastructure in and around the area etc.

Europa have constantly tried to undermine, intimidate, bully and put down any opposition to their application as can be seen in their communications on the planning application. They even stated that there were low numbers of the public attending their first public consultation held in Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall due to the protesters outside – I attended with an open mind and I can honestly say, non of the half dozen protesters appeared intimidating or threatening and non approached me. Please do not let them use the threat of going to court if you delay their application when you are only trying to obtain answers to genuine questions.

I am totally against this application.

Thank you

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.